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DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent Documents

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
#4,323,065	04/06/82	Kling
#4,568,334	02/04/86	Lynn
#4,615,692	10/07/86	Giacalone et al.
#4,769,017	09/06/88	Fath et al.
#4,950,255	08/21/90	Brown et al.
#5,053,015	10/01/91	Gross
#5,188,607	02/23/93	Wu
#5,531,723	07/02/96	Solazzo

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Applicant hereby further identifies the following listed copending application naming a common inventor:

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